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MEASUREMENTS DATA TO A CONTROL CENTER**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Please cancel claims 1-42 and add new claims 43-54 presented in the **Listing of Claims** section which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.